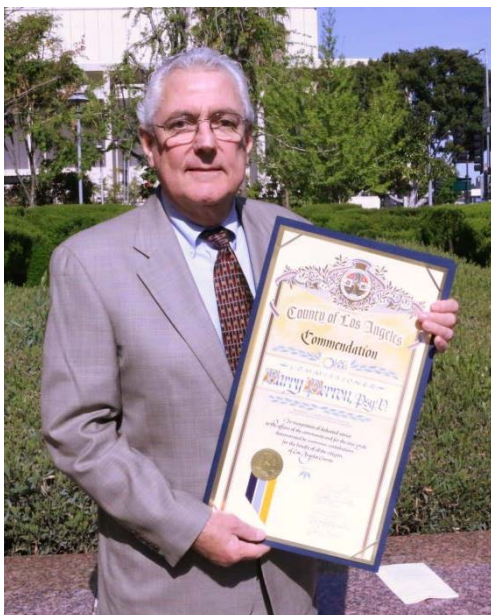


LA County Board of Supervisors Honor Barry Perrou

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From left to right: Robin Kay, Judy Cooperberg, Barry Perrou, Michael D. Antonovich, Canetana Hurd, Linda Boyd, and Terry Lewis



At the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisor's meeting on Tuesday, March 15, 2016, Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, Fifth District, presented Barry Perrou, Psy.D. with a scroll in the Board Hearing Room, at 500 West Temple Street, Hall of Administration.

Dr. Perrou was honored for providing over two decades of service, namely founding and spearheading the pairing of LACDMH and Law Enforcement into our MET and SMART Teams (with Linda Boyd, RN, EOB Program Head) and serving as LA County Mental Health Commissioner for twenty-two years. Dr. Perrou served 32 years in law enforcement, being an LA County Sheriff's Sergeant over the MET and Crisis Negotiation Teams.



He has also trained hundreds of law enforcement officers and deputies around the country on "Suicide by Cop" and "How to Effectively Handle Encounters with Persons with Mental Illness." Furthermore, he identified and coined the term "Pre-Death Indicators." This term refers to certain behaviors which occur during suicides in progress. Such displays allow for the identification of imminent lethal acts and introduce opportunities for tactical interventions. He has been an ongoing advocate for those who are often unable to advocate for themselves. We wish him well in his retirement and new endeavors. He will be missed.